



# City of Kemah

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## From the Office of the Mayor

I've had some changes in mind since the May Election, however I'm learning that very few things happen fast when the government process is involved...

With that being said, I want to let everyone know that I look forward to being a part of the continued progress in our Community. We have been blessed with a wonderful, unique community, caring citizens, as well as capable and committed Council Members, Department Heads, and Staff Members. Continued participation by our citizens in the political process is essential to ensure that residents' quality of life is considered, and a competitive business environment is also maintained. Council is looking into making changes in the Noise Ordinance and Traffic flow within the Entertainment District.

The New City Administrator, Rick Beverlin, and I have been working with each Department to ensure that our City continues to run efficiently and effectively. There has been some reorganization in some departments and I'm confident that the changes made will improve the responsiveness to the community

needs. The City will be hiring a Full-Time Building Official and a Part-Time City Engineer. I want to ensure that each business will be operating in compliance with all rules, regulations, codes, and ordinances established by the City.

I would like to express condolences to the Pearson Family. Sarah (Sammy) Beth Bone Pearson passed away on November 6, 2011. Mrs. Pearson was the longest living Kemah Resident. She moved to Kemah in 1938. She and her husband operated a seafood bait camp named Harry's Place and a restaurant called "The Cozy Corner" located on the waterfront at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Kipp which is now the "Boardwalk". In the fifties, Sarah worked as the secretary for the Kemah Water District for 38 years.

At this time of year please keep those less fortunate in mind, as well our troops. I look forward to a successful 2012.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Your Mayor,

*Bob Cummins*

### Accomplishments & Goals:

Adopted a Balanced Budget without Increasing Taxes. ✓

Hired New City Administrator & Police Chief. ✓

Completed Turn Lane on Miller to Improve Traffic at Stewart Elementary. ✓

Trimmed the Palm Trees along SH 146. ✓

Working with TxDOT to install Planting/Landscaping on FM 2094 and FM 518. ✓

Continuing to Codify Ordinances and make available on-line through Municode. ✓

The Pump Station Rebuild Project still underway. ✓

Finalizing 1.8 Million Dollar Grant for Street Improvements. ✓

KCDC Continues to work on the 57 Acre Park. The Cien Park Volleyball, Tennis Courts, and Restrooms are almost complete and will be opening soon. ✓

*Kemah Boardwalk  
named #1 Attraction  
in the Greater Houston Area.*

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### *Christmas Time in Kemah*

Christmas in Kemah had a successful kick off with the Annual Open House Tree Lighting Ceremony and continues through December 18. Thank you to the Kemah Merchant's for making this a successful event.



10th — Pancake's with Santa: 9 am at Jimmie Walker's Kemah Community Center.

10th — Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade starting at 6 pm.

The City is working with the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association to provide toys, food and clothing to Kemah families and Senior Citizens who have a need for Christmas this year. The goal for this year is to raise \$5,000. If you are interested in making a contribution or know anyone that may need assistance, please contact City Hall at (281)334-1611.